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SUBJECT: SECRETARIAT APPROACH TO CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

1. EVENSEN HOSTED LUNCH 24 FEB FOR SIXTEEN COUNTRIES TO ALLOW ZULETA, ON PURELY PERSONAL BASIS, TO PUT FORWARD SOME THOUGHTS ON: (1) COURSE OF FUTURE WORK, AND (2) POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND SESSION IN 1976. ZULETA SUGGESTED INFORMAL WORK UNDER AUSPICES OF CHAIRMEN DIRECTED TOWARD ONE OR MORE "REVISED TEXTS". HE ALSO ASKED THOSE PRESENT ON VIEWS ON TIMING AND VENUE OF A SECOND SESSION IF NECESSARY. ALTERNATIVES POSED WERE NEW YORK AND GENEVA -- MOST LIKELY TIME: MID-JULY FOR FOUR TO SIX WEEKS.

2. AMBASSADOR TELLO (MEXICO) EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE FORWARD EQUALLY ON ALL ISSUES, THUS WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO VOTE ON SPECIAL ISSUES OF WIDE AGREEMENT, E.G., 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, OR ELSE CONFERENCE MIGHT STAGNATE AND COLLAPSE. NEPAL URGED PACKAGE APPROACH. US REP (CLINGAN) SUPPORTED GENERAL APPROACH OF ZULETA BUT WARNED THAT SNT SHOULD NOT BE DUPLICATED BUT RATHER SHAPED BY PACKAGE OF AMENDMENTS. AS TO SECOND SESSION, US INDICATED NECESSITY TO DRIVE FOR AGREEMENT ON ALL MAJOR ISSUES IN NEW YORK SESSION BUT DID NOT RULE OUT SECOND SESSION FOR WRAP-UP WORK. NO PREFERENCE

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FOR VENUE INDICATED, BUT SUGGESTED SUFFICIENT TIME ELAPSE BETWEEN

ANY SUCH SESSIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS TO DO NECESSARY WORK. US DEL
INDICATED MID-JULY ACCEPTABLE. USSR STRESSED NEED TO MAKE
PROGRESS SPRING SESSION AND DANGER OF SIGNALLING SECOND SESSION
EARLY IN GAME. PARAGUAY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF REACHING AGREEMENT
ON A BROAD BASIS THIS YEAR.

3. GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT SUPPORT EXISTS FOR ZULETA APPROACH
AND WILL TO REACH AGREEMENT IS GROWING. MOST DELS PRESENT SEEMED
TO FEEL THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MOVE FORWARD ON ALL ISSUES AND
ATTEMPT TO GENERATE SOME DOCUMENTATION TO SHOW PROGRESS, WHILE
AT SAME TIME NOT LEADING TO FORMALIZATION AT AN EARLY STAGE.
SECOND SESSION IN GENEVA MID-JULY A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.
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